



# NJS Weekly News

*"Learning to make a difference"*

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## Up Coming Dates:

### September

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** – PD Day
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – PD Day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Children back to school
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – House Captain Voting
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Church for 8.50am
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Genes for Jeans Day £1
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – National Languages Day, Around the World themed lunch
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – National Poetry Day "Freedom"

### October

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Black History Week
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** – National Curry Week
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Open Lunch from 11am
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3&4 Parents Afternoon and Evening
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5&6 Parents Afternoon and Evening
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 Open Lunch
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest Festival @ 2.45pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – 3B Class assembly
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Finish for Half Term @ 3.30pm
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Children back to School
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – All Hallows themed lunch

## A Word from our Head Teacher, Mrs Moody...

Welcome back! I am very impressed with how all of the children have settled into their new classes this week. They look very smart and have enjoyed the first week back.

Please remember class teachers are available at the end of the day if you need to discuss anything. I work Monday to Thursday and Mr Rotherham is Head on a Friday. Hopefully we can help you get to know the team with our new feature on the newsletter each week!

Please ensure you receive NJS News each week; it will keep you up to date with everything happening in school. Remember the log in to the Newsfeed on our website is 'threefishes' where we will often post news and pictures of events in school.

### Mrs M's Home Challenge!

**Read a local newspaper and share an article with me. The article you find should have some importance for us here at NJS.**

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody! [nicola.moody@taw.org.uk](mailto:nicola.moody@taw.org.uk) or just pass her any information you may find!

Photos will be displayed in school and on the website for children who have permission to do so.

### Teaching Staff for September 2017

Head Teacher – Mrs N Moody

#### Year 3

- 3K – Mr Parker (Mrs Kerr (SENCO) on Maternity)
- 3B – Mr Butler
- 3J – Mrs Jukes

#### Year 4

- 4R – Mr Rotherham (Deputy Head Teacher)
- 4F – Mrs Follis
- 4S – Mrs Sisson & Mrs Kucynska

#### Year 5

- 5M – Mr Moody (Senior Leader)
- 5H – Miss Hardy
- 5L – Mr Lawson

#### Year 6

- 6S – Miss Sherry (Covering SEND during Mrs Kerr's maternity)
- 6J – Mr Jones
- 6EJ – Miss Jones

Cover Teacher – Mrs Humphries

## School Times

Please remember that your children are your responsibility until the doors for school open for children to go into classes at 8.50 am.

Gates are locked **promptly** at 9am.

Entrance to school for all children is through the gates via the playground.

Children should only enter through the main entrance if it is after 9am and the gates are locked. At this point they will need signing in the late book.

At the end of the school day, parents are asked to wait on the playground only when the gates are opened at 3.20pm.

### Getting to know staff at NJS

**Miss Hardy is a Year 5 teacher and NJS Music coordinator.**

Did you know these 5 facts about, Miss Hardy?

1. She loves food and won the NJS cracker eating contest!
2. She worked in a ski resort before starting at NJS.
3. She is an avid Harry Potter fan.
4. She's kissed Olly Murs.
5. She can sing the alphabet backwards.

Watch this space to find out more about our staff here at NJS.

### 2017/2018 Term Dates:

#### Autumn Term

1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September – PD Days  
 Term Starts: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept '17  
 Half Term: Break up: 20<sup>th</sup> Oct '17  
 Return: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
 Term Ends: 15<sup>th</sup> Dec '17

#### Spring Term

2<sup>nd</sup> January – PD Day  
 Term Starts: 3<sup>rd</sup> January '18  
 Half Term: Break up: 16<sup>th</sup> Feb '18  
 Return: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
 Term Ends: 29<sup>th</sup> March '18

#### Summer Term

Term Starts: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
 Bank Holiday: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
 Half Term: Break up: 25<sup>th</sup> May '18  
 Return: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 Term Ends: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Year 3 and All New Parents

Please remember that you are welcome to come into school with your children, in the mornings, during this transition period.

All parents are reminded that class teachers are available in their rooms in the morning and on the yard at the end of the school day. You can also contact them via the school homelink book.

### Year 5 Trip to Enginuity

A letter for the trip should have come home this week, please complete the slip and return ASAP. If anyone has any problems about this trip please come in and speak with your child's class teacher.

### NJS Sharing Success!

Throughout the year if your child has an achievement that you would like to share with the school community on the weekly newsletter please email me with the brief details [ben.moody@taw.org.uk](mailto:ben.moody@taw.org.uk) e.g. Joe Bloggs ran the 4k Smithy Fun Run, Betty Jones has achieved a black belt in Karate at the Kicking Karate Club.

We look forward to finding out about your success!

### Parent Action Group

NJS has an active Parent Group who meet half termly to discuss school strengths and next steps. They are friendly informal meetings with effective discussions over a cup of tea! All parents are very welcome.

"Over the past five years this forum has helped NJS improve communications, had a say on school policies, offered opinions on school arrangements and strategies including Numeracy, Literacy, Homework, Home School Agreement, have the opportunity to views plans and be involved in developing school initiatives and had "our" say and questions answered.

This is a strong median for constructive criticism which enables school to resolve issues across its school community, in partnership with parents and teachers, improving the school, so that together we can make a difference!" Mrs Mellings, Mrs Storey, Mrs Ingman and Mrs Stacey 2016.

Please watch this space for detail of our first meeting during this academic year.

### House Meetings

All Newport Junior School children are split into four house teams. Over the school year the house teams compete against each other in various events. All children receive house points for excellent work, effort or behaviour; each week these are added up and the winning house is announced in an assembly on a Thursday afternoon.

On Friday at 2.45pm House Meetings will take place. The purpose of these meetings is to elect Year 6 House Captains to lead their teams.

Year 6 children are reminded that if they would like to put themselves forward for this role they need to prepare a short speech to present to their team.

Look out for news of our new House Captains in next weeks NJS News!

### Clubs List for Week

### Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September

### No clubs running this week.

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel our clubs. We will endeavour to keep clubs running.

### OPEN LUNCHES

You will be receiving a letter next week inviting you to this term's open lunch. Parents are invited into class at 11am for a workshop with the children, which is then followed by lunch at 12pm. The dates are:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Year 5**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6**

Please return your attendance slip as soon as possible to support the kitchen.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Reminder that the cost of school dinners is £2.10 per pupil per day. (Cheques to be made payable to Telford & Wrekin Council). Please send lunch money into class in a separate, named envelope as this is dealt with by the school cook, and it should be placed in the class dinner basket in the morning before the register.

For the week beginning 11/9 we will be on week 2 of the dinner menu.

### Church Services at St.Nicholas' Church

Parents are reminded that for church services children are to go directly to church on the given dates. Children are to arrive at church, no earlier than 8.50am, where they will be met by their class teacher. Children will then be walked back to school by school staff.

Beginning of Year Worship:  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

End of Term Worship: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Upper School Concert Practice:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am

Upper School Carol Concert:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm

### ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office on 01952 386600. Thank you.

### BEFORE AND AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we politely remind you that children are not supervised before 8.50am when the school bell rings. If you wish to see a member of staff please do so via the school office, even if there are Year 3 staff in the Victorian block. **If younger, or older, children are waiting on the school yard at the end of the school day please can you ensure that they wait on the yard not on the field. If they need the toilets please come across to the main block.** Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

### Class Assemblies

A class assembly is time for children to share with family and friends some of the experiences they have had during their time in the classroom. Class assemblies are on FRIDAY's and usually start at 2.50pm. Dates for this school year are:

#### Autumn

20/10/17 – 3B  
04/11/17 – 4S  
10/11/17 – 6EJ  
17/11/7 – 5L

#### Spring

02/02/18 – 4R  
09/02/18 – 6J  
02/03/18 – 3J  
16/03/18 – 5H

#### Summer

4F – 24/05/18 3k – 08/06/18  
6S – 06/07/18 5M – 20/07/18

### Safeguarding

<http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/safeguarding.php>

Have you noticed this new page on our website, pinpointing advice for keeping your children safe?

### Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September for children in Year 6. Applications are made online at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October '17.

### New Club Alert!

**Mindfulness Club** will be starting soon after school for children in Year 5 and 6. It will be a chance for children to relax, chill out and have some reflection time at the end of the day. We will practise relaxing yoga, calming meditation, have fun with art or music activities, and more! We will throw away any negativities and celebrate the positives, and learn new strategies to help with feelings of anxiousness or stress. If this sounds like your cup of tea, keep your eye out for the clubs list or ask Miss H for more info x